THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware of large potential of IT industry in Tamil Nadu considering the exports of software from there. During the year 2004-05, software export worth of Rs. 10,700 crores, with a growth rate of 42% was made by the units registered with Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Government of Tamil Nadu has identified Coimbatore as a growth region for IT industries and has also identified 29 acres of land in Coimbatore for promotion of IT industries. STPI Chennai approached the State Government for the allotment of land in Madurai for setting up of an IT Park and the land for the proposed IT Park there has been identified.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposals for setting up of new post offices in UP

1911. PROF M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the new post offices proposed to be set up in the State of Uttaar Pradesh during the year 2005-06, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps for the modernisation of existing post offices in the State; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No targets have been given under Plan for opening of Post offices in Uttar Pradesh in 2005-06. However, proposals which are justified as per norms will continue to be opened by relocation of existing post offices which do not fulfil the distance norms.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Details of post offices modernised in Uttar Pradesh during the 10th Plan is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of post offices modernised in Uttar Pradesh During the 10th Plan

Sl. No.	Name of post office modernised	District in which located
2002-03: NIL		
2003-04		
1.	Manipuri HPO	Manipuri
2.	Etawah HPO	Etawah
3.	Chandauli MDG	Chandauli
4.	Ghaziabad City HPO	Ghaziabad
5.	Noido HPO	G.B. Nagar
6.	Barhalganj SO	Gorakhpur
7.	H.N.S. Nagar SO	Kanpur City
8.	Kidwainagar SO	Kanpur City
9.	Akbarpur HPO	Ambedkarnagar
10.	Raebareli HPO	Raebareli
2004-05		
1.	Kamla Nagar SO	Agra
2.	Sirathu SO	Allahabad
3.	Modinagar SO	Ghaziabad
4.	I.I.T. SO	Kanpur City
5.	R.S. Ghat SO	Barabanki
6.	Misrikh SO	Sitapur

2005-06: The following post offices have been identified for modernisation in the year 2005-06

Sl. No.	Name of post office modernised	District in which located
1.	Mathura city SO	Mathura
2.	Kasganj SO	Etah
3.	Patti SO	Pratapgarh
4.	Mardah SO	Ghazipur
5.	Noida Sector-16 SO	Ghaziabad
6.	Meerut Kutchery SO	Meerut
7.	Akbarpur SO	Kanpur(M)
8.	Khalilabad MDG	Santkabirnagar
9.	Bachhrawan SO	Rae Bareli
10.	Kurebhar SO	Sultanpur

H.P.O- Head Post Office
S.P.O.- Sub Post Office
M.D.G- Mukhya Dak Ghar

Modernisation of telegraph services in Uttar Pradesh

1912. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for the upgradation and modernization of telegraph services in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) the funds sanctioned for this purpose during the current year; and

(d) by when modernisation work is likely to be completed in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMED): (a) Yes Sir. Upgradation and modernization of telegraph services have already been completed in the State of Uttar Pradesh.